



NOVEMBER 2021 *Garden Clippings*

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2021-22 Garden Club Board:

Adele O'Neal – President

Deb Smith – Vice President

Sherry Blum – Treasurer

Fran Henderson – Secretary

Dates to Remember

November 15

Garden Club Meeting

10 am via Zoom. Log in info will be sent prior to meeting.

December 20

Garden Club Meeting

June 12, 2022

Garden Tour and Faire

President's Corner Theme: **Coming Together for Growth** Adele O'Neal

October's general meeting was the first indoor meeting in quite some time, and I heard members enjoyed it and the program! Thank you, Betty and Deb!

Despite our wishes, Covid-19 is still upon us, even worse than last year, when the Club was not holding meetings. A discussion at the October meeting around in-person vs. Zoom meetings was held and a survey was sent out to the membership. 60% of the members (49 out of 82) responded with the following results: 25 members expressed a desire for in-person meetings, 20 for a hybrid (combined Zoom/in-person) meeting and 4 for a Zoom meeting; in essence a tie between an in-person and a hybrid meeting.

The best way to accommodate every member is to have a hybrid meeting so that those members who are comfortable meeting in person can, and those who are not comfortable can join via Zoom, simultaneously. We are researching not only how to do a hybrid meeting, but how to get or borrow the equipment to do so...it can be expensive and might be somewhat cumbersome to actually do for our Club. Hopefully, Covid-19 will subside soon, allowing us to SAFELY meet in person once again. A Zoom meeting, on the other hand, is easily set up using the Pioneer District's Zoom account, which is available for all clubs to use.

So, because of the continuing research about equipment and the fact that Covid-19 numbers are not dropping significantly, we will stick with our original plan, which was posted on the October meeting agenda, to hold the November meeting via Zoom. We will develop a

buddy system for those who are not zoom users. Please recognize this is a trial, a temporary way to have a meeting safely, we are continuing to do research on the hybrid meeting set up, and because we are still in the middle of a pandemic, it is the most common-sense thing to do to keep every member safe.

These are not easy times we are experiencing, and I thank you for your patience, respect and understanding as we continue to explore all the alternatives so that the McMinnville Garden Club can meet and plan the good things we do for the community.

One of the things we do for the community is the annual Garden Tour and Garden Faire! We are still in need of one or two members to chair the Garden Tour. If we don't have the Tour, we won't bring in the revenue needed to do our beautification projects. Charlene and Dian have agreed to mentor the incoming chairs, so don't be afraid to step up!

The annual McMinnville Christmas Parade is being held (unless the City cancels it) on the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 26. Traditionally, the Garden Club has been in the parade with the Rakettes! We will need a chair to lead the group if members want to participate in this event. Please let one of the board members know right away if this is something you would like to do!

In order to be listed in the Directory, we must receive your dues! We have extended the dues period to November 15...if we haven't received them by that date, you will not appear in the Directory. Sherry sent out an email to those members whose dues we do not show as paid as a reminder. We want you all as members!

Thank you for your participation in the Garden Club – it is a fun and important part of the McMinnville community.

NOVEMBER SPEAKER **“Climate Change”** Deb Smith

Our presenter this month will be Brooke Edmunds, speaking to us via zoom on:
Practical Tips for Gardeners to Combat Climate Change.

Brooke Edmunds is the OSU Extension Community Horticulturist in Marion and Polk counties. She oversees the Master Gardener volunteer programs in each county, teaches online and in-person gardening classes, and answers hundreds of gardening questions each year. Brooke's background is in plant pathology and horticulture. She has a Ph.D. in plant pathology from North Carolina State University, and her M.S. and B.S. from Iowa State University. She lives in Salem and greatly enjoys gardening with her kids and exploring Oregon's hiking trails.

**“Autumn carries with it more gold in its pocket
than all the other seasons.”**

Jim Bishop



Membership Committee Update

We welcomed five new members in Sept and three in October. These numbers reflect an interest in learning more about gardening and engaging with like-minded people. Several new members joined because a current member had told them about the garden club. They've heard about: friendly and welcoming members, quality speakers, an informative newsletter, fun and creative crafts, opportunities to explore nurseries and other points of interest through day trips, involvement within the community by being a volunteer, and assisting with the annual Garden Tour and Faire. If you had an interest in gardening and learned of these interesting facets of the garden club, wouldn't you join?

Due to confidentiality, only first names and the last initial will be noted for new members. Space does not permit a mini interview of each new member. Your challenge is get to know each new member and enjoy a conversation with them.

WELCOME

September Mary C, Becky D, Linda H, Sheryl R, Sandy S.

October: Mark G, Vickie G, Cheri L. (G members are not related.)

SHARING TABLE

Thank you, members, for sharing and donating your extra garden related items in October for others to enjoy. The table had live plants, interesting garden books, a variety of magazines and an abundance of new, bold, and fun fabric. Perfect for garden aprons! Thank you all.

Membership Committee members: Kirstin B, Kay F, Colleen M, Jakie P, and Mary V.
Janis Stoven, Chair

Recipes from Betty

by Betty Ballentine



Delicata Squash Soup for Two with Crispy Garbanzos.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Split and seed one large squash, place cut side down on sprayed baking sheet.

In bowl toss a can of drained garbanzo beans with a drizzle of olive oil, sprinkle of garlic powder, onion powder, and cayenne to taste. Add to baking pan.

Roast 20 to 30 minutes until the squash is fork tender and the beans are crispy. Stir the beans after 10 minutes of baking.

Slice an onion thinly and caramelize using olive oil about 10 minutes. Add a clove of chopped garlic after browning until fragrant.

In saucepan, combine chopped roasted squash, onion garlic mixture, and 1 cup of vegetable stock. Use a stick blender to puree until thick and smooth.

Serve soup in bowls, topped with the crunchy garbanzo beans.

I love homemade soup, but most recipes make way too much for one or two servings. If you want leftovers, simply double the ingredients except for the chickpeas.

Westside Cleanup Team...THANKS!



Websites to Explore

Patty Sorensen

National Garden Club <https://gardenclub.org>

Pacific Region National Garden Club
<https://pacificregiongardenclubs.org/>

Pioneer District Website
<http://oregongardenclubspioneer.97048.info/home.aspx>

McMinnville Community Garden <http://www.mcminnvillecg.org>

Oregon State Garden Club's Website <http://oregongardenclubs.org>

Yamhill County Master Gardeners <https://ycmga.org/>

Fall Cleanup and what to do with the [leaves](#)?

Putting Hydrangeas to Bed for the [Winter](#).

Planting Natives

Invasive Plant Atlas <https://www.invasiveplantatlas.org/>

Swan Island Dahlia Care Info <https://www.dahlias.com/help-center/how-to-grow-dahlias/fall-winter/>

*If you look the right way, you can see the whole world
is a garden.*

Francis Hodgson Burnett

